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WITH TRAILING EDGE CAVITY

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Prior to the calculation of fees, please amend the
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, directly following the title, please insert
the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional
Application 60/461,848 filed on April 10, 2003 for inventors Ram
M. Rao and Zine-Eddine Boutaghou and entitled AIR BEARING DESIGN
WITH IMPROVED STICTION PERFORMANCE, CROSS-CURVE SENSITIVITY AND
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